

**Macon United Methodist Church**  
**190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133**

**June 21, 2026**

**Father's Day**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you!

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

Welcome, Announcements, Celebrations



**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us gather together in the name of the risen Christ.

**Let our hearts proclaim the joys and wonder of God's love.**

Let our lives show forth our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Let our walk through life share God's light wherever we go.**

And this day let our voices join together in song and praise to God.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*                      (UMH # 139)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears  
thee on eagles wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.

God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.

Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a  
mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.  
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Heavenly Father, just as the royal official came to You in desperation, we bring our burdens and the needs of those we love. Grant us the faith to believe in Your healing power and to trust that Your word is enough. Open our hearts to receive Your truth. In Jesus name, Amen*

### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)**

### **SILENT PRAYER (pastor)**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Lord, listen closely to me and answer me,  
because I am poor and in need.

<sup>2</sup> Guard my life because I am faithful. Save your servant who trusts in you—you! My God!

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy on me, Lord, because I cry out to you all day long.

<sup>4</sup> Make your servant's life happy again because, my Lord, I offer my life to you,

<sup>5</sup> because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you.

<sup>6</sup> Listen closely to my prayer, Lord; pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy. <sup>7</sup> Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you, because you will answer me.

<sup>8</sup> My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods! There is nothing that can compare to your works!

<sup>9</sup> All the nations that you've made will come and bow down before you, Lord; they will glorify your name,

<sup>10</sup> because you are awesome and a wonder-worker. You are God. Just you.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth. Make my heart focused only on honoring your name.

<sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, my Lord, my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forever,

### **Psalm 86: 1-12**



## SCRIPTURE READING

John 4: 46-54

<sup>46</sup> He returned to Cana in Galilee where he had turned the water into wine. In Capernaum there was a certain royal official whose son was sick. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that Jesus was coming from Judea to Galilee, he went out to meet him and asked Jesus if he would come and heal his son, for his son was about to die. <sup>48</sup> Jesus said to him, “Unless you see miraculous signs and wonders, you won’t believe.”



<sup>49</sup> The royal official said to him, “Lord, come before my son dies.”

<sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, “Go home. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and set out for his home.

<sup>51</sup> While he was on his way, his servants were already coming to meet him. They said, “Your son lives!” <sup>52</sup> So he asked them at what time his son had started to get better. And they said, “The fever left him yesterday at about one o’clock in the afternoon.” <sup>53</sup> Then the father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son lives.” And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. <sup>54</sup> This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did while going from Judea to Galilee.

## MESSAGE

“Twenty Miles”

Keith Baker, Lay Speaker

## HYMN

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

(UMH # 185)

1. When morning guilds the skies my heart awakening cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,  
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear  
when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss  
the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th' eternal song  
through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**Listening God, you hear the cries we whisper and the cries we cannot speak. In a world still marked by fear, abandonment, and unfairness, you remain the one who listens and who hears the voices of the outcast, the wounded, the overlooked. As we bring our offerings today, open our ears as yours are open. Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, and to remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear because we have been heard. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**God of miracles, at times we are slow to believe in Your power, even when Your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Let our faith move us to ask You for the things that are needed, and remind us to give You thanks every time You fulfill our requests. Help us to make a difference in others' lives. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. In the precious name of Jesus, *Amen*.**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

***“Wonderful Words of Life”***

**(UMH # 600)**

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

## BENEDICTION

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

## POSTLUDE

**Beverly J, Matthews, PsyD**  
**Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor**  
**217 825 9010**

*Be certain to check the church website, <https://maconilumc.net/> for updated information about the church, events and news. Please use [webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.maconumc@gmail.com) to submit updates or additions to the church website.*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 35**

**ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. June 28 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. June 28 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. July 05 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. July 05 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. July 12 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. July 12 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service  
Sun. July 19 9:00 am Sunday School  
Sun. July 19 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 22	Marsha Hedges	June 24	Ethan Roush
June 25	Evan Rappe`	June 26	Grace Moyer

## MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Any kind of cereal, cereal bars or oatmeal; canned soup (**chicken noodle and vegetable beef**); canned pasta; mac and cheese; shampoo; and antiperspirant and **toilet paper**. Cash donations are always welcome.

## **SPEAKER SCHEDULE**

June 21 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker

June 28 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

July 05 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Confirmation class will be first and fourth Sundays at 8:45 am for one hour in the pastor's office using the book Confirm which can be purchased online through Cokesbury. On July 26, 2026 the class will meet at 11:15am. On July 26, the class will start at 11:15.

## **RICE MEAL PACKING**

Rice Meal Packing August 8, 2026; 1-4 PM. Donations needed.

## **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS ASSISTANCE**

Considering giving to the Food Pantry jug at the back of the sanctuary. Their rent has increased. Make checks payable to Macon UMC, memo line: pantry.

## **SERVICE PROJECTS**

Contact Susannah or Denise if you would like the confirmation kids to come to you to do a service project